

BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS
FRANK D. REEVES MUNICIPAL BUILDING
2000-14th STREET, N.W., SUITE 420
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009
(202) 671-0550

IN THE MATTER OF

Ananthram S. Murthy
Member
Commission on Violence Against Women
413 – 5th Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

DATE: August 26, 2004

DOCKET NO.: 03F-169

ORDER

This matter came before the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) based upon respondent's motion for reconsideration (Motion) of the Order of the Director issued on September 25, 2003. On September 25, 2003, the Director entered an Order in this matter which imposed a fine of \$2,000.00 for failure to timely file a Financial Disclosure Statement on or before June 19, 2003 for calendar year 2002. On October 28, 2003, respondent filed the Motion.

Summary of Evidence

In the Motion, respondent states that in 2001 he volunteered to become an "interested party" member of the Commission. Respondent further states he was not an active participant on the Commission; that during his tenure he attended only two (2) meetings; and that the Commission had ceased operations at the time of his move to the United Kingdom in September 2002. Respondent stated that he returned to the District of Columbia on October 15, 2003, whereupon he received several notices to file from OCF.

Findings of Fact

Having reviewed respondent's motion and the record herein, I find that:

1. Respondent moved from the District of Columbia to the United Kingdom in September 2002, and returned to the District in October 2003.
2. Respondent filed the required Financial Disclosure Statement with OCF on November 12, 2003.

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3. The Office of Boards and Commissions failed to apprise OCF of respondent's move to the United Kingdom.
4. Respondent is currently in compliance with the statute.

Conclusions of Law

1. Pursuant to the Order In the Matter of: Ananthram Murthy, a fine in the amount of \$2,000.00 was imposed upon respondent herein.
2. In accordance with 3 D.C.M.R. §3711.5 (1999), respondent appealed this matter.
3. Respondent violated D.C. Official Code §1-1106.02.
4. For good cause shown pursuant to 3DCMR §3711.6, the Director of Campaign Finance (Director) may modify, rescind, dismiss or suspend any fine.
5. Respondent's explanation for the filing delinquency constitutes good cause for suspension of the fine.

Recommendation

In view of the foregoing and information included in the record, I hereby recommend that the Director suspend the imposition of the fine in this matter.

Date

Jean Scott Diggs
Hearing Officer

Concurrence

In view of the foregoing, I hereby concur with the Recommendation.

Date

Kathy S. Williams
General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

IT IS ORDERED that the fine in this matter be hereby suspended.

Date

Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery
Director

SERVICE OF ORDER

This is to certify that I have served a true copy of the foregoing Order.

Rose Rice
Legal Assistant

NOTICE

Pursuant to 3DCMR §3711.5 (1999), any fine imposed by the Director shall become effective on the 16th day following the issuance of a decision and order, if the respondent does not request an appeal of this matter. If applicable, within 10 days of the effective date of this order, please make a check or money order payable to the D.C. Treasurer, c/o Office of Campaign Finance, Suite 420, 2000-14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.